



Paint Strokes

Murrieta's
Gem of the Valley Art Association

May 2024

May Demonstrator

Valentina Lamdin

(palette knife demo)

Russian artist, Valentina Ratschenko-Lamdin, was influenced by her artist father, Jakob Ratschenko, whom she lost during World War II. As an artist, Valentina does not limit herself to subject matter or medium, or style. She loves color and is recognized as a colorist, with works in many private collections and museums. Valentina has been teaching art for some thirty years, focusing her students on developing their talents and abilities. By teaching, she achieves the reward of hearing a student say, finally...my gosh, I get it! Valentina stated she is also very proud of her students when they are recognized and win awards in art shows.



Gem of the Valley Art Association

General Meeting

Date: May 6th, 2024

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Place: Senior Center Main Hall
41717 Juniper, Murrieta

President's Message



I believe Mother Nature has had a lot of fun with us this year.....but have you had enough of her April Fool's joke of this month-long "May Gray" already? Boy, I sure have! So, here's to what I hope will be a beautiful first meeting of a real SPRINGTIME on May 6th!! Blue skies and blossoms aplenty! Yaaay

As so many of you remember, the month of May is our month to vote in our slate of nominated officers for the following year. So far, we have ALL positions filled with the exception of two:

1. VICE PRESIDENT: In summary, this position calls for a GEM member (of at least one year) to attend GEM Board meetings (currently held the last Tuesday each month, 10-11:30 in the Murrieta Library), and to conduct any general meetings and/or board meetings in the absence of the president. Generally, this position has input regarding demonstration artists who would serve our membership well, and this would certainly be welcome. However, the current president can continue handling that duty and would not require the new VP to take that over.

2. HOSPITALITY: This position calls for a GEM member (of at least one year) to set up the snack table with snacks brought in by the members, as well as make pitchers of refreshments (lemonade, tea, water suggested) to be set out for everyone. This job can be as simple or as creative as the person would like to make it. All supplies are in the GEM cabinet in the kitchen, available for every monthly meeting. Any purchases to replenish would be reimbursed upon submission of receipts to the Board. The person in this position is not expected to attend Board meetings but is more than welcome and their vote on issues discussed will be counted by the current president.

The full description of these positions can be found in your GEM handbook so feel free to check further but, PLEASE, consider running for one of these positions now so we can vote on a full slate of officers! Your service will be much appreciated! If you have any questions, just let me know.

Lastly, I'm really looking forward to our fun June potluck/installation/artist-of-the-year award meeting, the theme will be PICNIC! Lol How fun is that?! I can't wait ~ I want to wear overalls and a straw hat, so appropriate! The sign-up sheet for the potluck will be passed around again at the May meeting so sign up to bring your best dish!

OK, folks, that's all for now - see you on May 6th !!

Gem ~ we're all about art
Cathy



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Your Board Members & Committee Members

**We currently have 51 paid
members for the
2023/2024 season.**

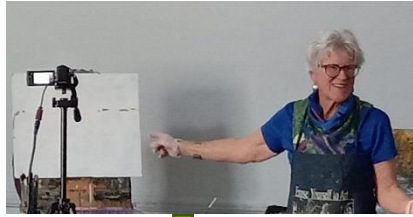
Treasurer's Corner

March ending balance	\$2,876.00
Monies out:	\$ -200.00
Drawing proceeds	\$ 74.00
Visitor charge	\$ 5.00
April. Ending Bal.	\$2,750.00

Cathy Keeney
Treasurer

April Demonstrator

Elin Thomas



Elin starts with dots on the page

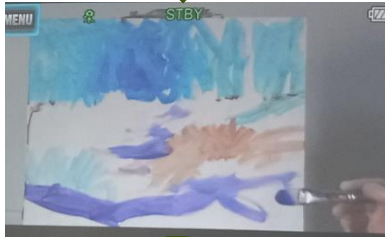



Elin Thomas
Resources for Further Study

Video Instruction on Painting (a Playlist of Seven DVDs and Tips)
<http://tinyurl.com/ElinArtVideos>

Elin's Facebook Page for more art and tips:
<https://www.facebook.com/ElinThomasArt>

Elin's Art for Sale and Archived:
<https://pixels.com/profiles/elin-thomas>



Elin taught us about design elements and color theory



LINE	BALANCE
SHAPE	CONTRAST
MASS	EMPHASIS
SPACE	MOVEMENT
VALUE	PATTERN
TEXTURE	RHYTHM
COLOR	UNITY/VARIETY

Design Elements



Marian Cobb was the lucky raffle winner of one of Elin's paintings



April Awards

Master Category

1st Place



Taka Ritchie
"Brother"

2nd Place



Soon K. Chung
"Beauty"

3rdPlace



Soon K. Chung
"Smoking Man"

Original Category

1st Place



Marti Thurman
"Madeline"

2nd Place



Nancy Cox
"Paradise"

3rdPlace



Marti Thurman
"Mitzi"

Photography

1st Place



Marian Cobb
"Old Town"

2nd Place



JoDee Luna
"Canyon Paradise"

3rd Place



Anne Slagle
"Spring"

People's Choice



Marilyn Gibson
"Grapes"

The Gathering Place

Good Friends, Good Food, Good Times



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Call For Artists

Art @ The Alleyway

Artist vendor fee: \$25

Thursdays All Year

Join us, and many others, each and every Thursday in Downtown Murrieta. Murrieta Market Nights is held on the 1st & 3rd Thursday year-round. 60+ vendors, music, food & of course ART! Open Mic Nights are held on the 2nd & 3rd Thursday @ The Alleyway. All ages & all talents are welcome!